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TAUTOLOGIES I HAVE KNOWN

How to fill up space without saying anything

Revised, 10 May 91

"Tautology: repeating the same idea or statement in other words; repeating a statement as its own reason; identifying cause and effect." -- adapted from Oxford Universal Dictionary.

".....: a statement that is true by virtue of its logical form alone." -- Merriam-Webster, 9th Collegiate.

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Aging doesn't have to be inevitable.

Aisle 7 is the 6th Aisle over from Aisle 1.

Al is light, relative to the average.

Alan's article was republished again elsewhere in another place.

Always be sincere, and really mean it.

Ambrose would later regret those sexist remarks, when he learned the executrix was a woman.

Andre says the key to good tennis is a hot serve, sharp volleys, service returns, crisp, accurate ground strokes, timely lobs, and a deadly drop shot.

Andy heard a sound.

Angkor Vat is the remnant of what was once a mighty civilization.

Annabelle's hairdo is singularly unique.

As things now stand, oil companies pay no tax currently.

At this point in time Ella is not hungry any more.

Atlantic Coast cities subsidizing canals to the west during the canal boom engaged in competitive emulation.

Aunt Hepzibah never knew sex and died a virgin.

Babbitt firmly believed in his convictions.

Be moderate, but not to excess.

Bellamy's argument is not unlike similar sentiments by Seligman.

Blind corners are a safety hazard.

Boyle moved from Boston to Denver in order to relocate there.

Brunhilda moved safely out of harm's way.

Bryan said "I love her because she is so endearing to me."

Capital investment is smaller than it should be, because the cost of capital is too high. -- Fred Stocker, Ed., NTA Forum.

Carmen drove carefully when she saw pedestrians walking on foot.

Cavendish' ad hominem attack was quite personal.

Chapter Three deals with oceans as the base of sea power.

Charles Boyer's erotic sensations made him feel amorous.

China's problems spring from overpopulation, which proves that Malthus was right.

Claudette was in her boudoir, where her bed is.

Colonel Cornpone's Disaster was an unsuccessful military action.

Conditions were getting progressively worse all the time.

Corn has to be pricey to pay the rent on good corn-land; you wouldn't expect land to be cheap when you can grow a valuable crop there.

Cuddles wore lingerie for undergarments, covered by an informal negligée of a diaphanous sheer material you could see through.

Dear Joe: I'm writing you this letter to say ...

Demosthenes may have said 2+2=4, but truly, as a matter of fact, mark my words, read my lips, take it from me, to tell the truth, let there be no misunderstanding, I'm telling you, from friend to friend, in the final analysis, come on, get real, face it, let me tell you, after all is said and done, make no mistake about it, to be perfectly honest, in a very real sense, at the end of the day, I don't care what anybody says, the truth is, at bottom, actually, the fact of the matter is, in reality, think about it, simply, statistics show, if you want the truth, I cannot overemphasize that you must never underestimate the importance that we have learned that economists agree, don't let anyone kid you, admit it, take my word for it, realistically, when the chips are down and the cards are on the table, the bottom line is, when you look at the facts,

my friends, clearly, the long and short of it is, it is obvious and only logical that 2x2=4.

Depressions usually mark a downward swing in the curve of the business cycle.

Detective Gonzales discovered the jewels had been stolen by a thief.

Diane would be a 5th wheel because her presence is somewhat redundant.

Dick waited for a long period of time.

Donald is engaged to his fiancée.

Dora is too modest to boast.

Dot's exercises produced increasingly firmer buttocks.

Dr. Eddington is familiar with Halley's Comet, but only from a distance.

Eagle Mountain open pit iron mine: a legend from the past, a legacy for the future. -- The Press-Enterprise, Riverside, CA.

Ebenezer has a past history of former complaints.

Economists have a herd instinct that keeps them from bucking the trend.

Edison invented the light bulb when it was a completely new innovation.

Edna saw a moving train rolling along the tracks.

Edwina saw the sun rise slowly at dawn, lighting the skies until it set near dusk just before twilight time.

El Salvador is dominated by its ruling class.

Eleanor overexaggerated too excessively.

Ellie would have appreciated George's having consulted with her.

Esmeralda suffers Stoically without complaint.

Esther is a virgin and therefore unable to conceive.

Every land bubble in history has burst.

Extra Virgin Olive Oil is on Aisle 7.

Fillibrew's the bloomin' bloke what done the deed.

Florence Beach Quality Candies has moved to a new location.

Franklin died in 1790 and is still dead.

Friday is your final deadline.

Genevieve's address where you may write her is ....

George had told you he had had a bad cold.

Glenda received the correct change, but just barely.

Gloria became sick from an illness she contracted.

Gorbachev is assisted by a bilingual translator.

Gregory was riding bareback with no saddle.

Guppies are viviparous fish whose babies are born alive.

Hamish borrowed $15 millions from a wealthy lender.

Harriet's ideas are very unique.

Harry attacked the bona fides of anonymous "professional environmentalists," unnamed and uncited.

Henry Pollakowski and Susan Wachter write, "Since land is used in the production of housing, demand for land is determined by ... the determinants of the demand and supply of housing."

History is all alike and full of repetitions.

Hostility toward Jews may result in anti-Semitism.

Hubert Quincy, this Council denounces you for a sinner, on account of the many wrongs you have done.

Hyenas will eat anything because they are omnivorous.

I'm going to tell you the real truth.

If one believes real estate is an increasingly essential element in our society, then this is a good time to buy.

In dreams Jonas saw the ravishing Esmeralda basking in the crepuscular glow of twilight.

In Spanish, hace calor means it is hot, temperature-wise.

In the past I have sinned, but in the future I will sin no more.

In Tokyo the current time there is now 8:45 PM.

Industries use 4-5 times as much water per area as an equal area devoted to residential use. -- Erwin Cooper.

Inflation makes prices rise.

Iroquois Nations were usually in a state of chronic warfare with native allies of the French. -- David Ellis.

Is this mauve, or some other color?

It ain't over 'til it's over.

It is a pleasure to return here where I was before.

It was an itty bitty teenie weenie yellow polka dot bikini.

It was Kismet that Hugo was destined to meet his inevitable fate.

It's deja vu all over again.

It's time we stood up for the ideals we really stand for.

Jack fell down.

Janette put down earnest money up front to confirm her bid.

Janice needs a babysitter to watch her children.

Jasper fell into a fallacy that is not true.

Jean Harlow's pulchritude was beautiful to behold.

Jevons had been away a whole week by the time Sunday came.

Jill saw a light shining.

Jimmy says the key to winning will be to hold his serve, and break Mac's.

John Pym after 1649 invented the excise tax for the first time.

Jude can't remember what that is, but it was probably something.

Kaminsky failed to specify a specific mechanism to explain the phenomenon.

Land, capital and labor always work in combination together.

Land markets are 100% efficient because land prices are based on rational expectations. "Why has this pricey parcel lain idle for 50 years," you ask? That is second-guessing by hindsight. Each owner is always behaving rationally and doing his best in terms of what he knows and believes and wants at the time. (Yes, some economists actually run on like that! The worst of it is, other economists take them seriously.)

Laura found driving is simple when you know how.

Let me share this insight together with you.

Let us gather together.

Lions are carnivorous because they like meat.

Long Island is completely surrounded by water.

Louis I (The Pious) was devout in matters of religion.

Louis II (The Stammerer) suffered from a speech defect.

Louis IV (Louis d'Outremer) came from overseas.

Louis the Loser often met with defeat.

Louis V (The Sluggard) resented his nickname, but was too lazy to do anything about it.

Louis VII (The Young) outgrew his sobriquet in later life.

Louis VII's Crusaders had to reach the Turkish pass by climbing upward.

Louis IX (St. Louis) stood in well with his Pope, and in 1297 was duly canonized.

Mabel's intentions were well meant.

Matthew is going to the other shore of the pond where the water ends.

Mayor Bradley is the current incumbent.

Memories of the past made Jessica nostalgic.

Merrill Lynch: We're Bullish on the Future!

Metro Water District Directors are 67 years of age on the average; some are even older.

Michael wants to preserve the remnants that are left from the city's historical past.

Mohammed's Hegira was when he set off from his origin, Mecca, on a journey to Medina, his destination.

Money at compound interest grows at an increasingly faster rate.

Money is not only fungible but interchangeable.

Monmouth College on the prairies of Illinois is an excellent place to study land economics: there is land all around it. (That's what the President once told me, truly!)

Nan Britton claimed President Harding had fathered her child and made love to her.

Napoleon overreached himself too far.

Neon Tetras are tropicals from near the equator.

Never act hastily without careful study.

Never make predictions, especially about the future.

New York City's property tax rate has no cap limit on it.

No one knows whether she was lying or telling the truth.

Now collect your things together.

Of course, if the location and market are so poor that appreciation rates will be low or negative, it's well to consider selling and cutting losses.

On the path Ned met a young equestrienne girl enjoying her equitation on horseback.

One little maid is the bride Yum-yum;
Two little maids in attendance come;
Three little maids is the total sum.

Our aim is to restore traditional values back to America.

Our American economy is efficient because competition weeds out inefficient firms. To know which firms are more efficient, observe which ones survive. (For this they gave a Nobel Prize!)

Our boys flew many successful sorties against the enemy, and returned with missions accomplished.

Owing to her pregnancy Mrs. Cholmondeley lost her virginity.

Pareto-improving policy changes are those that move an economy to a position which is Pareto-superior from a position which is Pareto-inferior. - R.C. Mitchell and Richard Carson

Patty sang her solo all by herself.

People are poor because they lack money.

Persons named below are donors of gifts to the California Historical Society.

Pick your tomatoes early, before the varmints get them first.

Plan ahead.

Please RSVP.

Police officials ordered an involuntary evacuation of the area.

President Bush is a former candidate for the presidency.

Principle consequences associated with absentee ownership of farm land include: (a) A high percentage of tenancy; ... -- Adon Poli.

Professor Yul considered not only all possible permutations, but combinations too.

Quayle says because efficiency is rising so slowly, American productivity is not keeping pace, said the Vice President.

Randall's job doesn't call for that big of a wrench.

Repeat that again.

Revealed preference is when people always pursue their desires rationally, and reveal them in the process. This proves people are rational.

Rock-climbing has a low mortality rate when you follow a safe plan and don't make mistakes.

Rockne would usually punt in a 4th down situation.

Rodolfo's landlord Alcindoro importunately demanded immediate payment.

Russia lies in close proximity with Iran, where they mutually abut each other in juxtaposition along their common border.

Ruth and Rollin lived on a peninsula with water on three sides.

Sam the tax man says you may expense this item as a current operating outlay.

Sarah Belle's theory of knowledge lacked epistemological depth.

Sarah Lee owns it so it's her property.

Schwarzkopf could not implement that alternative because it was not a viable option.

Seth should be up there studying with you, as I am so advising him.

Sharon looks forward to future prospects with great anticipation.

Sheila, an only child, lost her mother in childbirth when she was still young.

Shelley overdrew her account below zero.

So far I have still heard nothing.

Social and political conflicts would have ripped the Netherlands Confederation apart if all the provinces would have been liberated.

St. Louis, Mo., is named for a French king who was canonized.

Stephanie saw the carcass of a dead dog.

Steve repeated what he said before: ...

Stewardess on blower: "I need to find out whose green bag this belongs to."

Strangler Sam killed his victims until they were dead.

Stuart is left-handed, but only on one side.

Sue and Ed look forward to expecting a child in January.

Suicide is punishable by death.

Sunshine grows increasingly brighter after 7 A.M.

Synchronize your watches together at the same time.

Table XIV presents statistical data on ownership.

Taxpayers are overburdened with too much taxation.

Ted's father is a priest who broke one of his vows.

Teleologically, this has no other purpose than to help men survive.

That missing article you can't find is apparently lost, but is probably somewhere.

That was long ago in past history.

The a capella choir sang with no accompaniment.

The aircraft fell, overcome by gravity.

The artist painted a nude with no clothes on.

The Atheist attitude is a view that objects to any Divine frame of reference.

The authorities announced it is time to cool off the economy because it is overheating too much.

The average person is, on the whole, comparatively common.

The balance of payments shows a deficit which is made up by importing and repatriating capital.

The batter hit the ball between both the 1st and 2nd basemen.

The best tax politically falls on non-resident aliens living outside the country.

The Bible is God's word because it says so, and God wouldn't lie to you.

The books balance.

The bourgeoisie enjoys a middle class standard of living.

The carrion crow is a scavenger that scrounges for dead meat.

The cat disappeared out of sight.

The city condemned my land by its power of eminent domain.

The conspirators met by moonlight at night.

The Cost of Living costs less at Alpha Beta.

The dancers paired off by twos.

The dog was poisoned by eating a toxic substance.

The Dutch, from 1623-53, spent 30 years trying vainly to take Brazil from Portugal, but failed.

The enemy is handicapped by not controlling the air, which is of great advantage to our side.

The Existentialist declined to explain his philosophy because it didn't really matter.

The famous Long March of Mao was accomplished on foot.

The Federal Reserve Bank issues notes which by law are legal tender for payment of taxes and private debts.

The Fire Department checks to be sure people can exit out of a building fast.

The firm's cost of capital is the discount rate that equates the sum of its future revenues to its present value. We know what future values investors expect by compounding the present value forward at the firm's internal cost of capital.

The gay nineties coincided with the fin de siècle which occurred at the same time.

The invalid is in constant pain all the time.

The investors panicked and joined a herd stampede.

The lineman anticipated the count and moved before the snap.

The loggers have never cut over that primeval forest.

The marigold is small in size, yellow in color, and smelly in odor.

The miscreant made his getaway without being apprehended.

The offer was rejected so there was no sale.

The person holding the note and demanding repayment was her creditor.

The prospect from this hilltop makes a lovely outlook.

The remedy was no panacea and left many unsolved problems remaining.

The riparian doctrine of water law favors large landholders who have long frontages and proportionally more land than smaller landholders.

The Scribners like doodads, and all that sort of things of that nature.

The significance of Clara and Ned's relationship was truly

meaningful.

The social function of landlords is to relieve tenants of the financial burdens of owning land, and maintain a prosperous level of land values.

The speaker overexaggerated his point too emphatically.

The squadron pilots peeled off one at a time.

The synergistic combination has more force than the sum of its parts.

The temperature is remaining steady at a constant level.

The traveller was misdirected to the wrong place.

The U.S. balance of payments is relatively robust compared with other countries.

The value of property is affected by economics.

The victim was forcibly raped.

The Viet Cong took shelter in underground tunnels.

The War of 1812 occurred early in the 19th Century.

The war is still not over yet.

The way to raise American productivity is to become more efficient.

The wise investor should take a realistic view of future revenues and values.

The worst part of prison is being locked up and closed in.

The writers hasten to enter a caveat, the reader should be warned the proposal toward which these remarks might be thought to tend is no panacea, and he or she should not fall into the incautious error of interpreting these results without prudence, circumspection and appropriate qualification, considering circumstances of time and place and conditions and popular resistance to change, as well as the tendency to favor change for the sake of change. It is extremely crucial to emphasize at this point in time that further research is needed, and no precipitate action is advocated now or in the foreseeable future. Existing obligations must be scrupulously honored, and change, if any, phased in over at least several generations as a minimum.

The young yuppy had a good job downtown.

There's only one expression to express it.

These people without jobs are not really unemployed, they are engaged in the vital market function of job search; these people sleeping on the streets are not really homeless, they are engaged in the vital market function of home search.

These troops are feeling better because the morale element has exhibited an upward movement.

They raised the rate from 7% up to 8%.

This answer is in response to your query about ...

This exotic fabric is imported from abroad.

This fabric appears to look green.

This homesite features a 360˜ view in all directions.

This new spreadsheet program puts a full business cost on each and every service the city provides.

This old-growth timber came from a primeval virgin forest that had never been logged before.

This product carries a lifetime guarantee.

This tape features Arlo Guthrie and Pete Seeger together in concert.

Though 'bother it' I may
Occasionally say,
But I never use a big big 'D'.

Tinn-hu Chang is a Chinese citizen and an alien in Canada.

To brake your new Colt, use your right foot to depress the foot pedal.

To correct our import balance we must export more goods abroad to foreign countries.

To get more from TV try turning off the sound and look only at the video; then darken the video and listen only to the sound.

To operate, start by plugging in the cord first.

To succeed, keep on persevering.

Tory went anyway, irregardless.

Trevino's approach overshot the green too far.

Uncertainty continues to linger regarding the potential implications of the original residency and appurtenancy requirements. -Vic Brajer et al.

Uncle Fritz and Aunt Page retired to an island where they could live in their old age surrounded by water.

Vamoose, boys, let's go!

Warner was killed by a fatal blow which struck him dead.

Was it just the wind blowing?

Water marketing is not a panacea for all water problems.

We have a right to own guns because they are property.

We keep heirlooms because it is our family tradition.

We never sell land because it is against our policy.

We were not able to have the distribution level we would have liked to have had.

We wished they would have taken into account those studies of spotted owl behavior before having made this decision.

Wheeler's data analysis revealed a negative relationship between employee quit rates and the average period of job tenure.

When it all works out well, the returns on real estate can be stunning.

When large numbers are out of work, unemployment results.

While I was away the committee met in my absence.

William the Conqueror was originally called Guillaume le batard because his mother Matilda was French and never married.

With two out in the ninth, Drabek gave up a hit and a chance at a no-hitter.

Yorick spotted a naked streaker running with no clothes on.

You are out of line presuming to testify against our official position before this Council without having all the facts, which are classified official secrets.

You can observe a lot just by watching.

You should look at yourself in the mirror.

You should wear proper attire whenever appropriate.

Yvette is cross-eyed in one eye.

Zachary is a persistent pest who keeps annoying people.